The next point touched upon by the member was about salt cultivation. The Rajakkamangalam *allom* was in a bad condition on account of percolation of fresh water from the Mambattavilai *kal* and the inadequate supply of brine. The two dams constructed by the Public Works Department across the *kal* were useless to prevent percolation. Mr. Govinda Pillai, a former Assistant Excise Commissioner, had recommended the construction of another dam 100 or 200 yards west of the existing dam so that the water flowing along the *kal* might be diverted into the sea. The people of the locality had also submitted memorials to the same effect. Representations too had been made at several sessions of the Assembly on the subject. But the dam had not yet been constructed. The member therefore prayed for the construction of a new dam at Ottapana for diverting the fresh water of the channel into the sea. If the work was carried out, the factory would be restored to its original condition and the Government revenue derived therefrom would also increase.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sivasubrahmanya Nadar, your representation paragraph 1, items (*a*) to (*l*), paragraph 2 (*a*) to (*l*) minus (*g*) and paragraph 3 (*a*) and (*b*), together total 25 items according to the memorandum. Even if I am to give a specific answer to each one of them, it will take me half an hour. I put it to you, can you, reasonably expect all these requests to be complied with within a year ?

MEMBER: It is not necessary.

DEWAN: Then, you agree with me that you do not expect the Government to comply with all these things in one year. Therefore, may I suggest that you set yourself the pleasant task of deciding which are more urgent or of more pressing importance in all these requirements in the order of merit and then having arranged them in their order of merit send the first four of them to Government ? I give assurance that the Government will strain every nerve to redress your grievance in regard to those items.

84. Needs of the Kalkulam taluk.

MR. AIYAPPAN PILLAI MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Member, Kalkulam taluk, Group I*) said that the need for Primary Schools in the Kotanallur, Kappiyara and Mekkod *pakuthies* had been urged upon the Government incessantly during the past five years. The local people were too poor to give the lands required for the schools or to construct the schools. In Kotanallur, however, foundations had been laid for the construction of a Boys' School, but the work could not be proceeded with for want of funds. The member therefore prayed that the Government should defray one-half of the expenditure on account of the schools.

The channel starting from the Kayalkara on the Puttanar should be extended up to Perinchilampu. There were more than 800 acres of wet land at Perinchilampu and the ryots there were suffering from scarcity of water. The irrigation tanks at Perinchilampu should also be deepened. Although the deepening of one of the tanks *viz.*, Chattumukku tank, had been sanctioned three years ago, the work had not been started.

A road from Valvachagoshtam to Colachel along the Pampuri *vaikal* was absolutely necessary for the ryots of the locality. The construction of the road had been sanctioned some time ago and lands acquired for portions of it, but the work had not been commenced. The road should be constructed early.

Breaches were occurring on the banks of the Pampuri *vaikal* every year, thereby causing damage to the crops in the neighbourhood. To avoid such breaches, the banks should be strengthened at an early date.

The Perinchilampu road was in a very bad condition. There were more than 800 acres of wet land and 3,000 acres of garden land in that place. The population there was very thin because of malaria. The produce of those lands had therefore to be taken outside for sale, which could be done only along the above road. It should therefore be repaired soon. A local inspection of the road would convince the Dewan of the immediate necessity for repairing it.

The lands referred to above were situated on the eastern bank of the Tacharakottu river. During rainy seasons, the river would be flooded and communication with the other bank rendered impossible for days together. A bridge should therefore be constructed across the river at Perinchilampu. The necessity for such a

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

bridge had been urged upon the Government at successive sessions of the Assembly from the 20th and the Government had replied that estimates were getting ready.

The wet lands at Perinchilampu depended on the Tacharakottu river for water for irrigation purposes. Several dams had been in existence from time immemorial for diverting water to the adjoining fields, but many of them were in disrepair. Breaches were also occurring from time to time. The facts had been represented to the Public Works Department but with no effect. An adequate amount should be provided every year for maintaining the river in proper condition for purposes of irrigation.

The ryots' road leading from the 2nd mile of the Tuckalai-Kulasekharapuram road and joining the Padmanabhapuram-Tiruvattar road should be taken over by the Government for departmental maintenance after constructing the necessary bridges and culverts. The people on either side of the road were agriculturists owning lands at Perinchilampu, and that road was therefore an absolute necessity.

The wide lane leading from the 2nd mile of the Kulasekharapuram-Trippa-rappu road should be converted into a cart road. The need for the work had been urged upon the Government at successive sessions of the Assembly from the 19th. It was absolutely necessary for the agriculturists of the locality.

The road from Mulagummudu to Palliyadi was unfit for cart traffic during the rainy season. Palliyadi being an important business centre, the wheeled traffic on the road was heavy. It should therefore be metalled and maintained properly.

The produce of the hilly tracts of the Kotanallur *pakuthi* had to be taken to the Manalikara market for sale. Thefts of crops and other articles in those places were on the increase. Complaints regarding crimes had to be made to the Tuckalai Police Station, 5 miles away, or to the Tiruvattar Station, 6 miles away, or to the Kulasekharam Police Station, 5½ miles away. A police outpost should be opened at Manakkavila.

The member's next prayer was for the opening of a half-yearly dispensary at Mekkod at the place where the Forest Watch Station was located. The place being malarial, a dispensary was a necessity. The half-yearly dispensary transferred from Perumkadavila might be located at Mekkod.

The Thuckalai Hospital was an important hospital in the locality and was being resorted to by many patients. A compound wall should be built for the hospital.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Madhavan Pillai, the Director of Public Instruction has already proposed to open one or two Primary Schools in the *pakuthies* you mentioned.

As regards the extension of the P. P. channel *via* Kayalkara to Perinchilampu, the Chief Engineer points out that the construction of the channel will be extremely costly, and besides he will have to wait and see whether there will be water to spare after the conversions in the already opened blocks are completed.

Then, we get to the big road. You ask for a road from Valvachagoshtam to Colachel along the Pampuri *vaikal*. That is going to be a very expensive road. The rough estimate comes to about Rs. 95,000. So I fear it will have to stand over indefinitely.

As regards the other points, you will very kindly select four which you consider most urgent, most pressing, and inform the Government which these four are. Government will try their best to meet your wishes in regard to those four points.

85. Needs of the Kalkulam taluk.

MR. K. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Member, Kalkulam taluk, Group II*) represented that the ryots of the southern portion of the old Eraniel taluk were experiencing great losses on account of *azhukichetam* every year ever since the construction of the Pechippara dam. The lands were situated on a low level and were always under water 6 inches deep. The necessary drainage channels should be opened. The existing *kals* in the locality also required improvements.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly